

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF JULY 23, 2001
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held on July 23, 2001, commencing at 5 o'clock P.M.

At the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.	County Judge
Jerry Vasquez	Commissioner Prct. #1
Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner Prct. #2
Felix Velasquez	Commissioner Prct. #3
Miguel Urdiales	Commissioner Prct. #4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda as posted on the 20th day of July 2001. Present also was Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

01-07-219

1. Call to order- Judge Martinez
Invocation- Mr. William N. Hall, Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Jr.

01-07-220

2. Approval of minutes -

Motion to accept the minutes as submitted

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-07-221

3. Communications -

Judge Martinez reviewed items in the agenda book.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney announced in reference to a Civil Case in which Webb County was a party. The case was dismissed.

Judge Martinez reviewed other correspondence not in the agenda book addressed to the Webb County Commissioners Court as did Commissioners Velasquez and Gutierrez.

Judge Martinez read into the record prepared comments introducing Mr. Greg Hartman, Senior Partner and Mr. Bob Lauder, Partner with MGT of America who made presentations.

Ms. Christina Mendoza, WIA eligibility specialist with the Texas Migrant Council dba South Texas Workforce Center, made a presentation.

Judge Martinez in behalf of the Court congratulated Commissioner Vasquez on his engagement to be married.

01-07-222

4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports

Mr. William N. Hall, Jr. Webb County Treasurer addressed the Court.

Motion to approve to pay the bills and payroll and accept all department reports:

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Hall asked the Court for direction and consideration in adding a bill from the Golf Course for \$6,758.85.

Motion to amend the prior action to include the bill for payment.

Moved: Velasquez

Seconded: Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-07-223

5. Proclamations/Resolutions

There were no proclamations or resolutions presented at this time.

01-07-224

6. -a.

Motion to approve line item transfer:

From: acct. #001-1043-6403 (repairs/maint.) \$400

To: acct/ #001-1043-6011 (training/ed) \$400

Moved: Gutierrez

Seconded: Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. -b.-1

Motion to approve line item transfer:

From: acct. #001-1301-

5601 (adm.travel)	\$ 90
6005 (postage)	1,425
6011 (train/ed)	784
6210 (laundry/linen)	<u>167</u>
Total	\$2,466

To: acct. #001-1301-

5603 (car allowance)	\$ 500
5604 (Juvenile transport)	400
6006 (adv.)	300
6209 (medicines)	<u>1,266</u>
Total	\$2,466

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

In reference to item 6-b, Webb County Auditor Leo Flores advised the Court to be aware in addressing line item transfers this late in the budget year.

6.-b.-2

Motion to fill slot #321 (clerk typist) at \$7.71 an hour, slot#351 (detention officer) At \$9.98 an hour and slot#1648 (drill instructor) at \$9.52 an hour.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6-b.-3

Motion to place item for November election.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

The Court voted unanimously in favor with the Chair also voting.

6.-c.

Motion to deny line item transfers, pending justification.

Moved: Commissioner: Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 3

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

6.-d.

Motion to fill slot#666(dump truck driver) at \$8.85 an hour and slot#1897 (maint.aide) at \$7.37 an hour.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item 6-n-3.

**Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez**

**For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0**

6.-n.-3.

Motion to instruct County Auditor Flores and Sheriff Administrator Jose Salinas to work together in compiling information for the Court for use in considering options for presentation to the Texas Jail Standards Commission and a possible referendum election on this matter.

Moved: Urdiales
Seconded: Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to move up items 6-j-1,2 and 3.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6.-j.-1.

Motion to approve, preferably with 10% to be in-kind match if possible.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6.-j.-2.

Motion to approve, including county cash match to begin October 1, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6.-j.-3.

Motion to fill slots in Department 2061 (Non Bargaining) as follows:

Slot# 572 (PBX Operator) at \$7.24 an hour

Slot# 569 (Electrician) at \$8.67 an hour

Slot# 577 (Clerk) at \$7.48 an hour

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to move up Item 6-n-2

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 6.-n.-2.

Motion authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation, including wording of the order being read into the record with all items included therein including the date of the sale announcement

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item 9-i.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9.-i.

Motion to approve, pending itemized list.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item 7.b.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 7.-b.

Motion to accept plan 1.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Seconded: Judge Martinez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Chair voted for.

Item 6.-e.

Motion to authorize Water Utilities Department to increase residential and commercial rates effective October 1, 2001 as presented.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 6.-f.-1.

Motion to fill slot #1911 (rural transportation driver-full time permanent)

At \$8.57 an hour effective July 23, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 6.-f.-2.

Motion to fill slot #1795 (weatherization assistant/clerk - full time permanent)
At \$8.50 an hour effective July 23, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 6.-g.

Motion to fill the following slots:

AA Teachers at an annual salary of \$17,125.24; slots: #1924, #1925, #1926,
#1842, #1831, #1833;

Teacher Assistant at an annual salary of \$12,799; slots #1035, #1036, #1808,
#1921, #1922, #1643, #1051, #1356, #1042;

Bus Driver slot# 1088 at an annual salary of \$14,487; and

Substitute Teachers 15 hours a week at \$6.50 an hour; slots #1695, 1700 and 1702

Item 6.-h.

Motion to approve line item transfer from Acct# 001-0107-5601 (adm travel)
\$200 to Acct# 001-0107-6403 (vehicle maint.) \$200

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 6.-i.

Motion to approve pending presentation of costs as a formal change order.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 6.-k.-1.

Motion to approve District Attorney continuation grant for \$117,633 with County match of \$44,442, effective June 1, 2001 and authorize Judge to sign..

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 6.-k.-2

Motion to approve District Attorney continuation grant for \$60,004 with County match of \$17,219, effective June 1, 2001 and authorize Judge to sign..

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 6.-i.

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Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 6.-k.-2

Motion to approve District Attorney continuation grant for \$60,004 with County match of \$17,219, effective June 1, 2001 and authorize Judge to sign..

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 6.-k.-3.

Motion to approve District Attorney continuation grant for \$42,020 with a County match of \$10,908, effective June 1, 2001, and authorize Judge to sign.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 6.-k.-4.

Motion to approve District Attorney continuation grant for \$56,733 with a County match of \$14,183 and authorize Judge to sign.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 6.-l.

Motion to approve the transfer of slot#1445 (right of way Coordinator from Webb County Self Help Center to Webb County Engineering department at a salary of \$12.45, effective July 23, 2001, from grant fund TCDP Contract #721105 administered by the Webb County Development Department.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 6.-m.-1.

Motion to accept recommendations from the Webb County Housing Rehabilitation Selection/Scoring Committee on the houses for rehabilitation under the HUD Housing Colonia Initiatives (HCI) grant program as follows:

Nelson Ramos-Oilton
Ernesto Salazar- Mirando City
Francisco Moreno- El Cenizo
Francisco Javier Palizo- El Cenizo
Candelario Salazar- Mirando City
Oscar Inocencio- Mirando City
Rafael Rodriguez- El Cenizo

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 6.-m.-2.

Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the housing rehabilitation applications recommended by the Webb County Housing Rehabilitation Selection/Scoring Committee under the HUD-Housing Colonia Initiatives (HCI) Grant Program.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 6.-o.

Motion to approve line item transfer from acct: #001-1102-

6005 (postage)	\$ 500
5602(local milage)	60
6014(equip-rental)	700
6010(bks/subs.)	<u>600</u>
Total	\$1,860

To: acct. 001-1102-

6011 (train/ed.)	\$1,100
5601(adm.travel)	<u>760</u>
Total	\$1,860

Except that \$1200 from bks/subs be substituted for above figure and
\$1150 for adm./travel be substituted for above figure.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to rescind above action.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 7.-a.

Motion to approve amendment to Webb County Flood Prevention Order eliminating the Webb County Engineer from the list of Certified Flood Plain Administrators.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 7.-c.

Motion to approve recommendation by Webb County Redistricting Committee for Justice of the Peace Precincts and for re-enumeration of existing County election precincts as necessary to comply with proposals for County Commissioner Justices of the Peace, City Council districts and any matters incidental thereto.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Chair voted in favor.

Item 7.-d.

Motion to authorize the County Engineer to offer engineering services to County residents for the issuance of elevation certificates pursuant to the Webb County Flood Damage Prevention Order, with instruction to the County Attorney, County Engineer and County Planning Director to prepare an order defining eligible applicants, the creation of a fee schedule for those engineering services and any matter incidental thereto.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 7.-e.

Motion to issue/ratify "Certifications regarding compliance with plat requirements and the connection of utilities" to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connections(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (i) TLGC

Lot 56, Block 11, Colorado Acres Subdivision (electricity-1 dwelling)

Lot 23, Ranchitos Los Nopalitos (electricity- 1 dwelling)

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 7.-f.

Motion to approve and adopt the final revision of the Webb County 2001-2005 Capital Improvements and Special Projects Plan.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0

Item 8.-a.

Left pending executive session.

Item 8. -b.

Motion to approve payment of overtime and administrative time for Webb County employees incurred during the Justice Center water damage.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 8.-c.

Motion to defer item.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 9.-a.

Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following items
for the Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Administrative building (acct #623-1044-8801)

Security System \$5,495

Public Address and Recording System \$4,650 (Southwest Sound)

Moved: Velasquez

Seconded: Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 9. -b.

Motion to solicit bids for contracts for the Community Action Agency
Weatherization Homes Project.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Items 9. -c. And -d.

Motion to purchase through H-GAG bid#HT00-03, one (1) 2002 Ford E-350
Club Wagon for the Community Restitution Treatment Center for the amount
of \$21,849.08 from the Philpott Motor Company out of FY 2001 Department
of Criminal Justice "Diversion Program Grand"

And

To award construction bids for the restoration of the Sheriff's administration building to the following vendors:

United Construction - alteration of east wall - \$12,229

Maverick Fence Company - replace wooden fence with chain link

Maverick Fence Company - enclose power generator and electrical switches with fence - \$1,975.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 9.-e.

Motion to issue purchase order to digital network solutions to install fiber optics communications from the Webb County Jail to the Webb County Courthouse in the amount of \$9,145.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 9.-g.

Motion to award a contract to Creative Floors and Windows, Inc. as a split bid,
For the installation of ADA ramps in seven Head Start centers in the amount
of \$21,600 (acct.#903-4207-9901).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 9.-h.

Motion to table the item.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10.-a.

Motion to enter into interlocal agreement with Texas Association of Counties
Health Benefits Pool (HEBP), designate risk management coordinator and
authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10. -b.

Motion to grant Central Power and Light Company an easement to lay Underground electric service to the Webb County Administrative building and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant papers, contingent on Review by the Webb County Attorney.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 10. -c.

Motion to approve application process and form for requests for General Fund and for Hotel-Motel Third Party Funding and any matters incidental thereto.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 10.- d.

Motion to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Laredo for lease of 1,820 square feet located at 2100 Pinder for the Webb County CAA Elderly Nutrition Program for a one year period with an option to renew for an additional one year period at three hundred dollars (\$300) per month plus 25% of all utility cost and to authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Items 10. -e.,-f.,and g

Motion to accept three grant awards from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division as follows from items 10 e, f and g:

In the amount of \$73, 191 for Domestic Violence Counselors with County match of \$44,442;

In the amount of \$42,785 for Women's Legal Advocate Prosecutor with County match of \$17,219;

In the amount of \$31,112 for Women's Legal Advocate with County match of \$10,908.

And authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Items 10.- h and -i

Motion to enter into a contract with the Texas Migrant Council, Inc., dba Texas Workforce Center to accept trainees referred by the center for training and mentorship for periods up to six months beginning upon the date of approval with the center to pay 99% of wages and workmen's compensation insurance and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

And to enter into a contract with Gateway Community Health Care Center, Inc., to provide physical examinations, CBC laboratory tests and dental services to children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 10. -j.

Motion to table.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 10. -k

Motion to enter into a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, contract no. 721105, in an amount not exceed Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), to acquire all utility easements in seven colonias (Los Minerales, Los Minerales Annex, Antonio Santos, Penitas West, Pueblo Nuevo, Laredo Ranchettes, and Ranchitos 359 East) And authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10. -l.

Motion to enter into a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, contract no. 721859, in an amount not to exceed Eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000), to address water pressure deficiencies in Oilton Community and to install a 50,000 gallon elevated storage tank, construct a 3,750 square foot community center in Rancho Penitas West, and to expand the Mirando City Community Center by Adding two thousand one hundred square feet (Additional elderly dining area, separate library, and activity room) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10. -m.

Motion to defer.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 10. -n.

Motion to authorize the County Judge to sign a three year master lease schedule and other lease finance documents with John Deere Credit for lease equipment For the Webb County Golf Course, being one greens mower with groomers, two turf gators, a diesel greens mower, two utility mowers and a turf tractor, for three years with monthly payments of three thousand three hundred seventy nine dollars and sixty three cents (\$3,379.63) and a one year renewal for two thousand one hundred sixty four dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$2,164.87).

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 10. -o.

Motion to enter into a contract with IDOCKET, L.L.C., to grant access to the Webb County District Clerk's and Webb County Clerk's Court docket data and authorizing the placement of said docket data on the internet for free public access to name searches and basic information as well as authorizing the data use by IDOCKET.com for its premium service by Webb County, allowing for revenue sharing of premium service sales to the public (20% to Webb County from Subscribers selecting Webb County as their primary county of choice) And authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Seconded: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10. -p.

Motion to enter into a contract with Landtitle USA to grant access to the Official Public Records of Webb County (from 1982 to Present) and all recorded plats and maps and authorizing the placement of said Official Public Records on the Internet for access and to grant Landtitle USA access to Tax roll data maintained by the Webb County Tax Assessor Collector for placement on the Internet and provide to the public at no cost to the County or to the public for access, owner's name, mailing address, legal description of property, account number, appraised value, exemptions, taxable value, total tax, amounts paid and the date of payment.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Seconded: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10. -q.

Motion to enter into a master service agreement with Skytel Corp. for Pager/email service for Handspring PDA units and any matters incidental thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Items 10. -r and -s.

Motion to grant pipeline easements to Lewis Energy Group for 2,322.7 And 4,805 feet on Webb County School lands at \$1.25 per linear foot for the amounts of \$2,903.37 and \$6,006.25 respectively and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

At this time, 10 o'clock p.m., the Court voted to go into Executive Session to consider Item 8.-a.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

The Court came back into Open Session at 10 o'clock p.m. The Chair announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Item 8.-a.

Motion to pay \$7,297 for medical expenses incurred and considered medically necessary as per attending physician but excluded as a covered benefit under our current policy.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Seconded: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0